

Weather Forecasting Services
New Jersey Department of Transportation
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Addendum #01

Question #1 **General –Is there a plan holders list, if so, will this be provided?**

Answer: Unable to ascertain to what this refers.

Question #2 **Section 1.1 Purpose and Intent, Pg 7 –Review of Department of the Treasury websites indicates that two (2) vendors currently hold contracts for providing the types of services required in this RFP, is this correct?**

Answer: Yes, there are currently two (2) vendors, Accuweather and Surface Systems.

Question #3 **Section 1.1 Purpose and Intent, Pg 7 –What firm(s) currently hold this contract?**

Answer: This information is available through the following website:
[NJ Department of the Treasury - Division of Purchase and Property](#)

Use State Contract T-1122 when searching.

Question #4 **Section 1.1 Purpose and Intent, Pg 7 –What was the total annual price charged for providing such services under the existing contract?**

Answer: Services in this RFP are different from those in the existing contracts and the specifications should be read in their entirety. Price lines in the existing contracts are available at the website provided above.

Question #5 **Section 1.1 Purpose and Intent, Pg 7 –Does the current vendor provide all forecasting data including forecasting, “RWIS data stream” and SENSORS?**

Answer: Please refer the answers above.

Question #6 **Section 1.1 Purpose and Intent, Pg 8 –When is the effective date of the contract resulting from this RFP?**

Answer: This information is available on Page 2 of the RFP.

Question #7 **Section 1.1 Purpose and Intent, Pg 8 –What are the differences between this RFP and the RFP used to procure the existing contract?**

Answer: This information can be ascertained by reviewing this RFP and documents available at the following website:

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Question #8 **Section 3.5.1 Detailed SENSOR Pavement Forecasts, Pg 15 –Are existing RWIS data available for use by the contractor, and if so, is there a**

charge for obtaining such data?

Answer: RWIS data is available at no cost.

Question #9 Section 3.3 Internet Services, Pg 12 –How many DOT personnel will be accessing this site?

Answer: Possibly as many as 200, but not at the same time.

Question #10 Section 3.3 Internet Services, subheading (g) Pg 12 –Please provide either more detail as to what this entails, or provide a sample report?

Answer: Data requests e.g., precipitation timing maps, snow accumulation maps or any non-standard map or data request should be provided in a customized subset i.e., sub-region.

Question #11 Section 3.4.2.5 Toll Free Access to Recorded Winter Forecast, Pg 15 – How many callers is DOT expecting to simultaneously access these forecasts?

Answer: Simultaneously, approximately 10 callers maximum.

Question #12a Section 3.4.3 Special Advisories, Pg 15 –How far in advance does DOT expect these advisories to be issued?

Answer: As soon as the forecaster is reasonably certain that the event may affect the State e.g., severe thunderstorms that may produce flooding may necessitate an advisory but short notice (three (3) hours) is only possible. Hurricanes could require a three (3) day timetable but need only be updated one time a day until the effects become absolutely known.

Question #12b Are advisories required for the sub-regions in addition to the three (3) standard regions?

Answer: As determined to be appropriate by the contractor, the geographic specificity of advisories can be related to the weather phenomenon e.g., statewide - high winds or hurricanes, regional - thunderstorms or heavy rain or sub-regional - coastal flooding.

Question #13 Section 3.6 Training, Pg 16 –Will the training classes be held on subsequent days?

Answer: Not necessarily.

Question #14 Section 4.4.3.7 Financial Capability of the Bidder, Pg 21 –How many copies of the financial information are required?

Answer: Please refer back to Section 4.4.3.7 and Section 4.3.

Question #15 Section 6.3.2 Bidder's Cost Proposal, Pg 33 –This section implies that the low bidder will be ranked first in this area of the evaluation. Does the evaluation process apply any measured scoring or weighting to the low bidder or is that portion weighed subjectively within the context of the entire bid?

Answer: In accordance with Sections 6.3 through 6.3.3 of this RFP, bidders are

ranked by total proposed bid price while technical evaluation criteria are weighted.